



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 582**

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House Bill No. 6843

*House of Representatives, April 13, 2015*

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. JUTILA of the 37th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT MAKING MINOR REVISIONS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS STATUTES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-153f of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
3 *passage*):

4 (a) There shall be in the Department of Education an arbitration  
5 panel of not less than twenty-four or more than twenty-nine persons to  
6 serve as provided in subsection (c) of this section. The Governor shall  
7 appoint such panel, with the advice and consent of the General  
8 Assembly, as follows: (1) Seven members shall be representative of the  
9 interests of local and regional boards of education and shall be selected  
10 from lists of names submitted by such boards; (2) seven members shall  
11 be representative of the interests of exclusive bargaining  
12 representatives of certified employees and shall be selected from lists  
13 of names submitted by such bargaining representatives; and (3) not

14 less than ten or more than fifteen members shall be impartial  
15 representatives of the interests of the public in general and shall be  
16 residents of the state of Connecticut, experienced in public sector  
17 collective bargaining interest impasse resolution and selected from lists  
18 of names submitted by the State Board of Education. The lists of names  
19 submitted to the Governor pursuant to subdivisions (1) to (3),  
20 inclusive, of this subsection shall, in addition to complying with the  
21 provisions of section 4-9b, include a report from the State Board of  
22 Education certifying that the process conducted for soliciting  
23 applicants made adequate outreach to minority communities and  
24 documenting that the number and make-up of minority applicants  
25 considered reflect the state's racial and ethnic diversity. Each member  
26 of the panel shall serve a term of [two] four years, provided each  
27 arbitrator shall hold office until a successor is appointed and, provided  
28 further, any arbitrator not reappointed shall finish to conclusion any  
29 arbitration for which such arbitrator has been selected or appointed.  
30 Arbitrators may be removed for good cause. If any vacancy occurs in  
31 such panel, the Governor shall act within forty days to fill such  
32 vacancy in the manner provided in section 4-19. Persons appointed to  
33 the arbitration panel shall serve without compensation but each shall  
34 receive a per diem fee for any day during which such person is  
35 engaged in the arbitration of a dispute pursuant to this section. The  
36 parties to the dispute so arbitrated shall pay the fee in accordance with  
37 subsection (c) of this section.

38 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 10a-179 of the general statutes is  
39 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
40 *passage*):

41 (a) There is created a body politic and corporate to be known as the  
42 "State of Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority".  
43 Said authority is constituted a public instrumentality and political  
44 subdivision of the state and the exercise by the authority of the powers  
45 conferred by this chapter shall be deemed and held to be the  
46 performance of an essential public and governmental function.  
47 Notwithstanding the provisions of the general statutes or any public or

48 special act, the board of directors of said authority shall consist of ten  
49 members, two of whom shall be the Secretary of the Office of Policy  
50 and Management and the State Treasurer, ex officio, and eight of  
51 whom shall be residents of the state appointed by the Governor, not  
52 more than four of such appointed members to be members of the same  
53 political party. Three of the appointed members shall be current or  
54 retired trustees, directors, officers or employees of institutions for  
55 higher education, two of the appointed members shall be current or  
56 retired trustees, directors, officers or employees of health care  
57 institutions and one of such appointed members shall be a person  
58 having a favorable reputation for skill, knowledge and experience in  
59 state and municipal finance, either as a [partner, officer or employee of  
60 an investment banking firm which originates and purchases state and  
61 municipal securities,] member of the financial business industry or as  
62 an officer or employee of an insurance company or bank whose duties  
63 relate to the purchase of state and municipal securities as an  
64 investment and to the management and control of a state and  
65 municipal securities portfolio. On or before the first day of July,  
66 annually, the Governor shall appoint a member or members to succeed  
67 those whose terms expire, each for a term of five years and until a  
68 successor is appointed and has qualified. The Governor shall fill any  
69 vacancy for the unexpired term. A member of the board shall be  
70 eligible for reappointment. Any member of the board may be removed  
71 by the Governor for misfeasance, malfeasance or wilful neglect of  
72 duty. Each member of the board shall take and subscribe the oath or  
73 affirmation required by article XI, section 1, of the State Constitution  
74 prior to assuming such office. A record of each such oath shall be filed  
75 in the office of the Secretary of the State. Each ex-officio member may  
76 designate his deputy or any member of his staff to represent him as a  
77 member at meetings of the board with full power to act and vote in his  
78 behalf.

79 Sec. 3. Subsection (b) of section 12-802 of the general statutes is  
80 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
81 *passage*):

82 (b) The corporation shall be governed by a board of thirteen  
83 directors. The Governor, with the advice and consent of the General  
84 Assembly, shall appoint [~~four~~] five directors who shall have skill,  
85 knowledge and experience in the fields of management, finance or  
86 operations in the private sector. [~~Three~~] Two directors shall be the  
87 State Treasurer [,] and the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
88 Management, [and the executive director of the Division of Special  
89 Revenue, all] both of whom shall serve ex officio and shall have all of  
90 the powers and privileges of a member of the board of directors. Each  
91 ex-officio director may designate his or her deputy or any member of  
92 his or her staff to represent him or her at meetings of the corporation  
93 with full power to act and vote on his or her behalf. [The executive  
94 director of the Division of Special Revenue shall cease to be a director  
95 one year from June 4, 1996, or earlier at the discretion of the Governor.  
96 The Governor, with the advice and consent of the General Assembly,  
97 shall fill the vacancy created by the removal or departure of the  
98 executive director of the Division of Special Revenue with a person  
99 who shall have skill, knowledge and experience in the fields of  
100 management, finance or operations in the private sector. The Governor  
101 shall thereafter have the power to appoint a total of five members to  
102 the board.] The procedures of section 4-7 shall apply to the  
103 confirmation of the Governor's appointments by both houses of the  
104 General Assembly. Six directors shall be appointed as follows: One by  
105 the president pro tempore of the Senate, one by the majority leader of  
106 the Senate, one by the minority leader of the Senate, one by the speaker  
107 of the House of Representatives, one by the majority leader of the  
108 House of Representatives and one by the minority leader of the House  
109 of Representatives. Each director appointed by the Governor shall  
110 serve at the pleasure of the Governor but no longer than the term of  
111 office of the Governor or until the director's successor is appointed and  
112 qualified, whichever term is longer. Each director appointed by a  
113 member of the General Assembly shall serve in accordance with the  
114 provisions of section 4-1a. The Governor shall fill any vacancy for the  
115 unexpired term of a member appointed by the Governor. The  
116 appropriate legislative appointing authority shall fill any vacancy for

117 the unexpired term of a member appointed by such authority. Any  
118 director [, other than the executive director of the Division of Special  
119 Revenue,] shall be eligible for reappointment. The Commissioner of  
120 Consumer Protection shall not serve as a director. Any director may be  
121 removed by order of the Superior Court upon application of the  
122 Attorney General for misfeasance, malfeasance or wilful neglect of  
123 duty. Such actions shall be tried to the court without a jury and shall  
124 be privileged in assignment for hearing. If the court, after hearing,  
125 finds there is clear and convincing evidence of such misfeasance,  
126 malfeasance or wilful neglect of duty it shall order the removal of such  
127 director. Any director so removed shall not be reappointed to the  
128 board. [Each appointing authority shall make his initial appointment  
129 to the board no later than six months following June 4, 1996.]

130 Sec. 4. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 20-8a of the general statutes  
131 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
132 *from passage*):

133 (a) There shall be within the Department of Public Health a  
134 Connecticut Medical Examining Board.

135 [(1) Said board shall consist of fifteen members appointed by the  
136 Governor, subject to the provisions of section 4-9a, in the manner  
137 prescribed for department heads in section 4-7, as follows: Five  
138 physicians practicing in the state; one physician who shall be a  
139 full-time member of the faculty of The University of Connecticut  
140 School of Medicine; one physician who shall be a full-time chief of staff  
141 in a general-care hospital in the state; one physician who shall be a  
142 supervising physician for one or more physician assistants; one  
143 physician who shall be a graduate of a medical education program  
144 accredited by the American Osteopathic Association; one physician  
145 assistant licensed pursuant to section 20-12b and practicing in this  
146 state; and five public members.]

147 [(2) On and after October 1, 2012, said] (1) Said board shall consist of  
148 twenty-one members, thirteen of whom are physicians, one of whom is  
149 a physician assistant and seven of whom are public members, all of

150 whom are appointed by the Governor, subject to the provisions of  
151 section [4-9a, in the manner prescribed for department heads in section  
152 4-7] 4-1a, as follows: Three physicians of any specialty; three  
153 physicians who shall be specialists in internal medicine; one physician  
154 who shall be a psychiatrist; one physician who shall be a surgeon; one  
155 physician who shall be an obstetrician-gynecologist; one physician  
156 who shall be a pediatrician; one physician who shall be an emergency  
157 medical physician; one physician who shall be a supervising physician  
158 for one or more physician assistants; one physician who shall be a  
159 graduate of a medical education program accredited by the American  
160 Osteopathic Association; one physician assistant licensed pursuant to  
161 section 20-12b; and seven public members.

162 [(3)] (2) No professional member of said board shall be an elected or  
163 appointed officer of a professional society or association relating to  
164 such member's profession at the time of appointment to the board or  
165 have been such an officer during the year immediately preceding  
166 appointment or serve for more than two consecutive terms.  
167 Professional members shall be practitioners in good professional  
168 standing and residents of this state.

169 (b) All vacancies shall be filled by the Governor in the same manner  
170 [prescribed for department heads in section 4-7] as the original  
171 appointment. On and after October 1, 2012, successors and  
172 appointments to fill a vacancy shall fulfill the same qualifications as  
173 the member succeeded or replaced. In addition to the requirements in  
174 [sections 4-9a and] section 19a-8, no person whose spouse, parent,  
175 brother, sister, child or spouse of a child is a physician, as defined in  
176 section 20-13a, or a physician assistant, as defined in section 20-12a,  
177 shall be appointed as a public member.

178 Sec. 5. Subsection (b) of section 31-102 of the general statutes is  
179 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
180 *passage*):

181 (b) Whenever conditions warrant, the Labor Commissioner or the  
182 chairman of the board shall request the Governor to appoint, and the

183 Governor shall have authority to appoint, alternate members of said  
184 board in such numbers and for such periods of time as he may  
185 determine to be necessary, [but not longer than one year,] in order that  
186 said board may render efficient service in performing the duties  
187 committed to it by statute. Any alternate member shall serve in  
188 accordance with the provisions of section 4-1a. Any such alternate  
189 shall meet the same qualifications and receive the same compensation  
190 as regular members of the board. An alternate member shall serve in  
191 place of an absent member of the board at any time when so directed  
192 by the board and while so serving shall have all the powers of  
193 members of the board. Alternate members so appointed shall have  
194 power to complete any matter pending at the expiration of the term for  
195 which they were appointed.

196 Sec. 6. Subsection (b) of section 19a-178a of the general statutes is  
197 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
198 *passage*):

199 (b) The advisory board shall consist of members appointed in  
200 accordance with the provisions of this subsection and shall include the  
201 Commissioner of Public Health, [and] the department's emergency  
202 medical services medical director and the president of each of the  
203 regional emergency medical services councils, or their designees. The  
204 Governor shall appoint the following members: One person from [each  
205 of the regional emergency medical services councils; one person from]  
206 the Connecticut Association of Directors of Health; three persons from  
207 the Connecticut College of Emergency Physicians; one person from the  
208 Connecticut Committee on Trauma of the American College of  
209 Surgeons; one person from the Connecticut Medical Advisory  
210 Committee; one person from the Emergency Department Nurses  
211 Association; one person from the Connecticut Association of  
212 Emergency Medical Services Instructors; one person from the  
213 Connecticut Hospital Association; two persons representing  
214 commercial ambulance providers; one person from the Connecticut  
215 Firefighters Association; one person from the Connecticut Fire Chiefs  
216 Association; one person from the Connecticut Chiefs of Police

217 Association; one person from the Connecticut State Police; and one  
218 person from the Connecticut Commission on Fire Prevention and  
219 Control. An additional eighteen members shall be appointed as  
220 follows: Three by the president pro tempore of the Senate; three by the  
221 majority leader of the Senate; four by the minority leader of the Senate;  
222 three by the speaker of the House of Representatives; two by the  
223 majority leader of the House of Representatives and three by the  
224 minority leader of the House of Representatives. The appointees shall  
225 include a person with experience in municipal ambulance services; a  
226 person with experience in for-profit ambulance services; three persons  
227 with experience in volunteer ambulance services; a paramedic; an  
228 emergency medical technician; an advanced emergency medical  
229 technician; three consumers and four persons from state-wide  
230 organizations with interests in emergency medical services as well as  
231 any other areas of expertise that may be deemed necessary for the  
232 proper functioning of the advisory board.

233 Sec. 7. Subsection (a) of section 19a-182 of the general statutes is  
234 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
235 *passage*):

236 (a) The emergency medical services councils shall advise the  
237 commissioner on area-wide planning and coordination of agencies for  
238 emergency medical services for each region and shall provide  
239 continuous evaluation of emergency medical services for their  
240 respective geographic areas. A regional emergency medical services  
241 coordinator, in consultation with the commissioner, shall assist the  
242 emergency medical services council for the respective region in  
243 carrying out the duties prescribed in subsection (b) of this section. As  
244 directed by the commissioner, the regional emergency medical services  
245 coordinator for each region shall facilitate the work of each respective  
246 emergency medical services council including, but not limited to,  
247 representing the Department of Public Health at any Council of  
248 Regional [Chairpersons] Presidents meetings.

249 Sec. 8. Section 19a-183 of the general statutes is repealed and the



250 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

251       There shall be established an emergency medical services council in  
252 each region. A region shall be composed of the towns so designated by  
253 the commissioner. Opportunity for membership shall be available to  
254 all appropriate representatives of emergency medical services  
255 including, but not limited to, one representative from each of the  
256 following: (1) Local governments; (2) fire and law enforcement  
257 officials; (3) medical and nursing professions, including mental health,  
258 paraprofessional and other allied health professionals; (4) providers of  
259 ambulance services, at least one of which shall be a member of a  
260 volunteer ambulance association; (5) institutions of higher education;  
261 (6) federal agencies involved in the delivery of health care; and (7)  
262 consumers. All emergency medical services councils, including those  
263 in existence on July 1, 1974, shall submit to the commissioner  
264 information concerning the organizational structure and council  
265 bylaws for the commissioner's approval. Such bylaws shall include the  
266 process by which each council shall elect a president. The  
267 commissioner shall foster the development of emergency medical  
268 services councils in each region.

269       Sec. 9. Subsection (b) of section 19a-184 of the general statutes is  
270 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
271 *passage*):

272       (b) The [chairpersons] presidents, or their designees, of said councils  
273 shall meet as a group, at least bimonthly, with the Office of Emergency  
274 Medical Services to discuss the planning, coordination and  
275 implementation of the state-wide emergency medical care service  
276 system.

277       Sec. 10. Section 9-167a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
278 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

279       (a) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the  
280 maximum number of members of any board, commission, legislative  
281 body, committee or similar body of the state or any political

282 subdivision thereof, whether elective or appointive, who may be  
 283 members of the same political party, shall be as specified in the  
 284 following table:

| T1  | COLUMN I          | COLUMN II              |
|-----|-------------------|------------------------|
| T2  | Total Membership  | Maximum from One Party |
| T3  | 3 .....           | 2                      |
| T4  | 4 .....           | 3                      |
| T5  | 5 .....           | 4                      |
| T6  | 6 .....           | 4                      |
| T7  | 7 .....           | 5                      |
| T8  | 8 .....           | 5                      |
| T9  | 9 .....           | 6                      |
| T10 | More than 9 ..... | Two-thirds of          |
| T11 |                   | total membership       |

285 (2) (A) The provisions of this section shall not apply [(A)] (i) to any  
 286 such board, commission, committee or body whose members are  
 287 elected wholly or partially on the basis of a geographical division of  
 288 the state or political subdivision, [(B)] (ii) to a legislative body of a  
 289 municipality [(i)] (I) having a town meeting as its legislative body or  
 290 [(ii)] (II) for which the charter or a special act, on January 1, 1987,  
 291 provided otherwise, [or (C)] (iii) to the city council of an  
 292 unconsolidated city within a town and the town council of such town  
 293 if the town has a town council and a representative town meeting, the  
 294 town charter provides for some form of minority representation in the  
 295 election of members of the representative town meeting, and the city  
 296 has a city council and a body having the attributes of a town meeting,  
 297 or [(D)] (iv) to the board of directors and other officers of any district,  
 298 as defined in section 7-324, having annual receipts from all sources not  
 299 in excess of two hundred fifty thousand dollars.

300 (B) For the purposes of this section, members of an appointive board  
 301 or commission who serve on such board or commission by virtue of  
 302 holding a particular, distinct office shall not be included in the  
 303 calculation, as provided in subsection (b) of this section, to determine

304 the maximum number of members of any political party who may be  
305 appointed to such board or commission.

306 (b) Prior to any election for or appointment to any [such body]  
307 board, commission, legislative body, committee or similar body of the  
308 state or any political subdivision thereof, the municipal clerk, in cases  
309 of elections, and the appointing authority, in cases of appointments,  
310 shall determine the maximum number of members of any political  
311 party who may be elected or appointed to such body at such election  
312 or appointment. Such maximum number shall be determined for each  
313 political party in the following manner: From the number of members  
314 of one political party who are members of such body at the time of the  
315 election or appointment, subtract the number of members of such  
316 political party whose terms expire prior to the commencement of the  
317 terms for which such election or appointment is being held or made  
318 and subtract the balance thus arrived at from the appropriate number  
319 specified in column II of subsection (a) of this section.

320 (c) In the case of any election to any such body the winner or  
321 winners shall be determined as under existing law with the following  
322 exception: The municipal clerk shall prepare a list of the candidates  
323 ranked from top to bottom according to the number of votes each  
324 receives; when the number of members of any one political party who  
325 would be elected without regard to this section exceeds the maximum  
326 number as determined under subsection (b) of this section, only the  
327 candidates of such political party with the highest number of votes up  
328 to the limit of such maximum shall be elected, and the names of the  
329 remaining candidates of such political party shall be stricken from the  
330 list. The next highest ranking candidates shall be elected up to the  
331 number of places to be filled at such election.

332 (d) If an unexpired portion of a term is to be filled at the same time  
333 as a full term, the unexpired term shall be deemed to be filled before  
334 the full term for purposes of applying this section. At such time as the  
335 minority representation provisions of this section become applicable to  
336 any board, commission, committee or body, any vacancy thereafter

337 occurring which is to be filled by appointment shall be filled by the  
338 appointment of a member of the same political party as that of the  
339 vacating member.

340 (e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to repeal, modify or  
341 prohibit enactment of any general or special act or charter which  
342 provides for a greater degree of minority representation than is  
343 provided by this section.

344 (f) Nothing in this section shall deprive any person who is a  
345 member of any such body on July 1, 1960, of the right to remain as a  
346 member until the expiration of his term.

347 (g) For the purposes of this section, a person shall be deemed to be a  
348 member of the political party on whose enrollment list his name  
349 appears on the date of his appointment to, or of his nomination as a  
350 candidate for election to, any office specified in subsection (a) of this  
351 section, provided any person who has applied for erasure or transfer of  
352 his name from an enrollment list shall be considered a member of the  
353 party from whose list he has so applied for erasure or transfer for a  
354 period of three months from the date of the filing of such application  
355 and provided further any person whose candidacy for election to an  
356 office is solely as the candidate of a party other than the party with  
357 which he is enrolled shall be deemed to be a member of the party of  
358 which he is such candidate.

359 (h) For the purposes of this section, the appointing authority for any  
360 member of any board or commission shall notify all other appointing  
361 authorities for members of such board or commission of each  
362 appointment made, including the name, town of residence and  
363 political affiliation of the person appointed, not later than five calendar  
364 days after such appointment. Such notification may be transmitted by  
365 electronic means.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |
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|-----------|---------------------|------------------|
| Section 1 | <i>from passage</i> | 10-153f(a)       |
| Sec. 2    | <i>from passage</i> | 10a-179(a)       |
| Sec. 3    | <i>from passage</i> | 12-802(b)        |
| Sec. 4    | <i>from passage</i> | 20-8a(a) and (b) |
| Sec. 5    | <i>from passage</i> | 31-102(b)        |
| Sec. 6    | <i>from passage</i> | 19a-178a(b)      |
| Sec. 7    | <i>from passage</i> | 19a-182(a)       |
| Sec. 8    | <i>from passage</i> | 19a-183          |
| Sec. 9    | <i>from passage</i> | 19a-184(b)       |
| Sec. 10   | <i>from passage</i> | 9-167a           |

**GAE**      *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

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***OFA Fiscal Note******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill makes a number of changes to the composition of various boards, panels, and councils, and makes a number of technical and procedural changes that are not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact.

***The Out Years******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****HB 6843*****AN ACT MAKING MINOR REVISIONS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS STATUTES.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill makes a number of changes to the composition of various boards, panels, and councils. It:

1. extends, from two to four years, the terms of Education Arbitration Panel members (members arbitrate between boards of education and their employees on collective bargaining agreements) (§ 1);
2. changes the qualifications of one of the governor's appointments to the Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority's (CHEFA) board (§ 2);
3. removes the requirement that the governor's appointees to the Medical Examining Board undergo legislative confirmation (this board adjudicates complaints against physicians and decides matters concerning license suspensions and revocations) (§ 4);
4. removes the prohibition on alternate members of the State Board of Labor Relations serving terms longer than one year, allowing them to serve at the pleasure of the governor up until the end of his term (this board interprets and administers four employee collective bargaining laws)(§ 5);
5. adds the president of each of the five regional emergency medical services (EMS) councils, or their designees, to the EMS Advisory Board, in place of a gubernatorial appointee from each council (this board reviews and comments on EMS regulations, guidelines, and policies and advises state agencies in

coordinating the EMS system) (§ 6); and

6. requires regional emergency medical services council bylaws to include a process for electing a president (§ 8).

The bill makes two changes to the law requiring minority party representation on appointed state or political subdivision boards or commissions. Specifically, the bill:

1. excludes ex-officio members when calculating the number of members who may be appointed from a particular political party and
2. requires an appointing authority to notify all other appointing authorities within five calendar days of making an appointment and provide the appointee's name, town of residence, and political affiliation (notice may be by electronic means) (§ 10).

The bill also makes technical changes and eliminates obsolete provisions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

### **CHEFA'S BOARD**

By law, CHEFA is a quasi-governmental agency that assists higher education and health care institutions, nursing homes, child care and child development facilities, and qualified nonprofit organizations in construction, financing, and refinancing projects and in other ways.

Its board consists of the Office of Policy and Management secretary, state treasurer, and eight members appointed by the governor. By law, one of the governor's appointees must have a favorable reputation for skill, knowledge, and experience in state and municipal finance. Under current law, he or she can gain this favorable reputation as an officer or employee of an insurance company or bank who has duties relating to state and municipal securities as an investment and who manages and controls a portfolio of these securities.



As an alternative, current law allows a person to gain this reputation as a partner, officer, or employee of an investment bank that originates and purchases state and municipal securities. The bill replaces this alternative with experience as a member of the financial business industry.

## **BACKGROUND**

### ***Minority Party Representation***

The law generally requires minority party representation on state or political subdivision boards, commissions, legislative bodies, committees, and similar entities. It does so by setting a maximum number of members who can be from one party, based on the entity's total membership. For example, boards with more than nine members cannot have more than two-thirds of their members from one party.

This law does not apply to certain entities, such as those with members based on geographic areas.

## **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 9      Nay 6